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AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4 as follows:

-- The present invention claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/182,751 filed February 16, 2000, and ~~which~~ is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/162,117, filed September 28, 1998 (~~Attorney Docket D-8~~), which is a continuation in part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/977,845, filed November 25, 1997 (~~Attorney Docket D-2~~), which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 08/562,332, filed November 22, 1995 (~~Attorney Docket 016238-000710~~), and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/041,934, filed March 13, 1998 (~~Attorney Docket A-1-6~~), which is a continuation in part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/990,374, filed December 15, 1997 (~~Attorney Docket E-3~~), which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/485,219 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,697,281), filed on June 7, 1995 (~~Attorney Docket 16238-000600~~), which was a continuation-in-part of PCT International Application, U.S. National Phase Serial No. PCT/US94/05168 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,697,909), filed on May 10, 1994 (~~Attorney Docket 16238-000440~~), which was a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/059,681, filed on May 10, 1993 (~~Attorney Docket 16238-000420~~), the complete disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes. --